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SUBJECT: RADIO NEWS HIGHLIGHTS, TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 25.

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1. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO, FIRST LINE REPORT:

FOR SECSTATE, IT IS ALL RIGHT TO TRAVEL, APPARENTLY SO
LONG AS IT IS NOT IN THE U.S.

IT IS PRIMARY DAY IN A HALF DOZEN DIFFERENT STATES, AND
FORD IS BARNSTORMING THRU SEVERAL OF THOSE IN HIS QUEST
FOR A FIRST BALLOT VICTORY AT RRPULICAN CONVENTION...

...AND WHEN PEOPLE OF CALIF. FINALLY GO TO POLLS ON JUNE 8,
NUMBER ONE MAN IN PRESIDENT'S CABINET, SECSTATE, WILL NOT
EVEN BE IN COUNTRY. HE WILL BE IN SOUTH AMERICA. AT
MOMENT, HE IS IN EUROPE. HE WILL BE BACK HERE ON THURSDAY
AND THAT WOULD GIVE HIM A WEEK TO JOIN HIS CABINET COLLEA-
GUES ON THEIR VOTE GETTING TOURS OF CALIFORNIA.

BUT KISSINGER, WHO HAD TWO SPEAKING INVITATIONS IN CALIFORNIA
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JUST BEFORE PRIMARY, HAS TURNED BOTH OF THEM DOWN, HE SAYS,

BECAUSE HE HAS ALWAYS FELT THAT HIS JOB WAS NON-POLITICAL, AND AN APPEARANCE IN CALIF. AT THAT TIME MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS POLITICAL. ANOTHER EXPLANATION COULD BE THAT PRESIDENT TOLD SECRETARY NOT TO GO OUT TO CALIFORNIA BECAUSE HIS APPEARANCE THERE COULD BE A POLITICAL LIABILITY, AND OCCASION FOR REAGAN TO FOCUS FRESH AMMUNITION ON THE ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY.

SO, DURING CLIMACTIC DAYS AND WEEKS OF PRIMARY CAMPAIGN, KISSINGER WILL BE EITHER OUT OF COUNTRY, OR HERE IN WASHINGTON BRIEFLY AND QUIETLY. HOW DIFFERENT, PERHAPS EVEN EXHILARATING, IT MUST BE FOR SECRETARY TO BE WANTED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY; AND HOW IRONIC IT IS THAT SOME OF HIS FOREIGN TRAVEL IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO BENEFIT POLITICAL FORTUNES OF FOREIGN LEADERS.

FOR EXAMPLE, OVER PAST WEEKEND, HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SPEND A DAY IN WEST GERMANY, TO CONFER AND TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. SCHMIDT HAS AN ELECTION COMING UP ON OCTOBER 3, AND A PICTURE WITH KISSINGER IS CONSIDERED AN ASSET IN WEST GERMANY. KISSINGER ALSO SPENT A DAY IN STOCKHOLM, SYMBOLICALLY TO OPEN A NEW CHAPTER IN SWEDISH-AMERICAN RELNS, POLITICALLY TO BOOST PM PALME'S REELECTION POSSIBILITIES ON SEPTEMBER 19. IN SWEDEN TOO, A PICTURE WITH KISSINGER CAN BE CASHED IN FOR VOTES.

PERHAPS BECAUSE THE IRONY OF SITUATION STRUCK KISSINGER AS WELL, HIGH OFFICIAL WHO ALWAYS SPEAKS FOR HIM WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE CANNOT SCHEDULE OUR VISITS LOOKING AT THE DOMESTIC POLITICS OF EACH SITUATION." NEVERTHELESS, THOUGH 10,000 LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS RALLIED TO OPPOSE HIS VISIT, KISSINGER WENT TO STOCKHOLM IN PART TO HELP PALME, A LEADER WHO, YET ANOTHER IRONY, DENOUNCED BOTH KISSINGER AND FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON FOR THEIR DECISION TO BOMB HANOI DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON OF 1972.

WHATEVER HIS POLITICAL LIABILITIES, PRESUMED OR OTHERWISE, IN THIS COUNTRY, OVERSEAS KISSINGER REMAINS A POLITICAL ASSET AND A RECOGNIZABLE SYMBOL OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

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2. LAURA WALTERS, WTOP RADIO: SECSTATE, OF COURSE WOULD NEVER THINK OF DOING HIS WORLD TRAVELING WITHOUT HIS EVER PRESENT SIDEKICK, HIS EVER FAITHFUL KIMO SABE, "MR. SENIOR OFFICIAL." AND IT IS "MR. OFFICIAL'S" JOB TO TELL PRESS THINGS THAT DR. KISSINGER HIMSELF WOULD NEVER WANT TO SAY AND HE HAS PROVEN TO BE SUCH A VALUABLE AND TRUSTED AIDE, THAT NOW DEFENSE SEC RUMSFELD HAS HIRED A "SENIOR OFFICIAL." NO RELATION, AS FAR AS WE KNOW. RUMSFELD IS NOW VISITING

HAWAII AND WHILE THERE, A SENIOR DEFENSE DEPT OFFICIAL HAS REVEALED THAT FOR FIRST TIME, U.S. PUBLICLY ACCUSES RUSSIA OF CHEATING ON SALT TALK LIMITATIONS. "MR. SENIOR

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DEFENSE DEPT OFFICIAL" SAYS RUSSIANS PUT FOUR MISSILE-FIRING SUBMARINES OUT TO SEA WITHOUT TAKING DOWN SOME LAND-BASED MISSILES AS RULE BOOK SPECIFIES.

3. BOHANNON AND MARVIN KALB, WTOP RADIO: KALB REPORTS THAT SYRIA IS HINTING AT WHAT IT WILL DO ABOUT EXTENSION OF UN PEACEKEEPING MANDATE. UN SYG AND U.S. ARE SEPARATELY URGING SYRIA TO ALLOW UN FORCES TO REMAIN ON GOLAN HEIGHTS AFTER MANDATE EXPIRES IN SIX DAYS.

KALB: TECHNICALLY, STATE DEPT HAS RECEIVED NO FORMAL COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT. BUT INDIRECTLY, SYRIA HAS INDICATED WHAT HER DECISION WILL BE -- NAMELY, TO EXTEND MANDATE FOR UN OBSERVER FORCE ON GOLAN HEIGHTS FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS WITHOUT ATTACHING ANY MAJOR POLITICAL CONDITIONS. ISRAEL WANTS MANDATE TO BE EXTENDED. UN FORCE HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE NOW FOR TWO YEARS, EVER SINCE KISSINGER'S MEDIATION BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL PRODUCED A SEPARATION OF FORCES AGREEMENT. BUT EACH TIME SIX MONTH MANDATE HAS TO BE EXTENDED, SYRIA WAITS UNTIL LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT BEFORE ACCEDING, AND LAST TIME SHE ATTACHED A POLITICAL CONDITION WHICH LED ULTIMATELY TO UN DEBATE THAT INCLUDED PLO. THIS TIME, SYRIA IS SO INVOLVED IN LEBANESE CRISIS THAT SHE MAY AGREE TO EXTENSION WITHOUT EXPECTED LAST-SECOND FUSS. THAT IS GENERAL CONSENSUS, BUT NO ONE CAN BE SURE.

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